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STUDENTS STAR IN DOCUMENTARY ON SAN PASQUAL ACADEMY *County Television Network Airs Half-Hour Show About New High School for Foster Youth*

A documentary about the first year of the San Pasqual Academy, a live-in high school for foster teens, is now airing on the County Television network.

The 30-minute program offers a rare glimpse at life at San Pasqual, the first school of its kind in the nation. Before San Pasqual opened in the fall of 2001, many of these teens, who have been victims of abuse or neglect, were bounced among dozens of different foster homes during their adolescent years. Many dropped out of school or became homeless after turning 18. San Pasqual gives these teens a stable home during high school, and a hope for a brighter future.

Throughout the school's inaugural year, CTN crews taped various aspects of life at San Pasqual, from the classroom to the football field, and from family meals to the prom. The program ends with the school's first graduation ceremony, when three seniors were awarded high school diplomas. The program features interviews with students, teachers, administrators and staff.

The school is located in North County's scenic San Pasqual Valley east of the Wild Animal Park. Formerly the home of the Seventh Day Adventist Academy, the campus was renovated before reopening last year as the San Pasqual Academy. The County of San Diego and a coalition of public and private agencies have worked together to build and run the school.

The San Pasqual documentary will air at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23. CTN – owned and operated by the County of San Diego - is available on Time Warner 22, Adelphia 66 and Cox 19 (North) & 24 (South), although programming is not available in all areas at all times. Additional air dates for the San Pasqual documentary, along with CTN's complete program schedule, can be found at www.ctn.org. CTN is funded with cable television franchise fees. Cable subscribers who are unable to get CTN in their cable service area are encouraged to contact their local cable company to request that they add CTN to their channel selection.